

SVETLANA BECOMES A MILLIONAIRE Writing Memoirs Has Become Big Business For Her

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At the end of last year when Svetlana Alliluyeva, daughter of Josef Stalin, left Soviet Union to travel to India for a so-called visit to bury the remains of her Indian Hindu husband who died in Russia, and ultimately landed in New York, there was a world-wide comment on her action.

More so because she had abandoned her children back in Russia and gave out statements which took the world by surprise.

She condemned the Soviet regime, she stated the comrades of her own father, she resiled against her own people.

Ever since, there has been a big controversy over her leaving the Soviet Union. Was it for political reasons, or was it personal? Later her decision to write her 'Memoirs' added to the contro-

versy. Here in this feature we reproduce views and reviews by world journals so as to spotlight the cause which may have motivated Svetlana to abandon her children, her people and her country:

French reviewer Genevieve Thabouis writes in the 'Paris-Jour' that Svetlana left the USSR not for political reasons but pressed by people from among those who had surrounded her husband, an Indian, and whose midst had been infiltrated by two American agents: Robert Raily and Binesh Singh. But the real impresario of the whole operation was writer Schwarz, better known in certain government department circles than in the world of letters. It was he who appeared at Svetlana Stalin's press conference and forbade her to reply to questions to which written answers had not been made in advance, or replied instead of her.

George Kennan will be her adviser so as to avoid historical errors in her "Memoirs." But it's not hard to imagine what those memoirs can be used for.

The Dollar Girl

The French weekly *Nouvel Observateur* in its June 4 number of this year carried an article by Ariana Pallaci captioned "Svetlana and Dollars."

Following are some excerpts of that article beginning with where Svetlana arrived in Rome accompanied by a bodyguard—the CIA agent Raily. Fearing that journalists would track them down, the Italian police worked out a plan according to which they were to board a regular flight plane separately at the very last moment.

The Italians are very poor organizers, and it so turned out that just before take-off,

Raily was on the plane alone without Svetlana. The ramp was again brought up, Raily got off the plane, and rushed off to look for her but couldn't find her. He finally located her—she was being guarded by an armed soldier. She was so furious that she set not only the soldier atremble, but his rifle. It was quite impossible to make her understand that the discrepancy had been the result of over-zealousness, and that they would have to wait for the next plane. So a special plane had to be chartered, and, of course, immediately!

...She lands in America...is immediately overcome by a sudden interest in the Church of Christian Science. To put it in a nutshell, even in spiritual matters she lets herself be carried away by passion, which many know is an inconsistent emotion. What Will she choose now?